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The following troop shipments were identified between 12 and 18 February 1953:

<u>Date in February</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Unit (if known)</u>
12	Artern	Weissenfels	17th Guards Tank and SP Regiment
	Donndorf	Zeitz	655th Howitzer Artillery Regiment
13	Artern	Zeitz	170th Guards Rifle Regiment
	Gotha	Zeitz	172nd Guards Rifle Regiment 93rd Reconnaissance Battalion and Unit
	Langensalza	Zeitz	128th Guards Artillery Regiment
	Weimar	Gera	13th AAA Division
	Halle area	Frankenhausen	
	Halle	Artern	
	Rosslieben	Naumburg	498th AAA Regiment of XXIX Guards Rifle Corps

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<u>Date in February</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Unit (if known)</u>
13	Lossa	Halle	69th Guards Mechanized Regiment of 21st Guards Mechanized Division
13/15	Halle area	Gera	
14	Zeitz	Saalfeld	316th Guards Rocket Regiment of XXVIII Guards Rifle Corps
16	Donndorf	Halle	Tank unit of 21st Guards Mechanized Division
17	Donndorf	Naumburg	Headquarters of the 57th Guards Rifle Division
	Koelleda	Merseburg	76th Artillery Brigade
	Rossleben	Gotha	93rd Reconnaissance Battalion
	Rossleben	Naumburg	170th Guards Rifle Regiment
	Koelleda	Naumburg	Unit <input type="text"/> 25X1
	Gehofen	Gotha	172nd Guards Rifle Regiment
	Artern	Ohrdruf	128th Guards Artillery Regiment
	Artern	Gotha	Unit <input type="text"/> 25X1
	Artern	Weimar	17th Guards Tank and SP Regiment
	Esperstedt	Altenburg	38th Guards AT Brigade
	Frankenhausen	Ammendorf	70th Guards Mechanized Regiment of 21st Guards Mechanized Regiment
	Heldungen	Altenburg	38th Guards AT Brigade
	Heldungen	Halle	Unit <input type="text"/> 25X1
	Donndorf	Weissenfels	Unit <input type="text"/>
	Donndorf	Ohrdruf	Unit <input type="text"/>
	Donndorf	Naumburg	Headquarters of 57th Guards Rifle Division
18	Koelleda	Naumburg	

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Rossleben	Naumburg	170th Guards Rifle Regiment
Rossleben	Ohrdruf	170th Guards Rifle Regiment
Rossleben	Ohrdruf	655th Howitzer Regiment
Gehofen	Gotha	

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Comment. All units belong to the 8th Guards Army. Except as indicated, all identified regiments and battalions are component parts of the 57th Guards Rifle Division.

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1. The following troop shipments were observed between 12 and 18 February, 1953: 25X1

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From	To	Unit (if known)
Ohrdruf	Meiningen	117th Guards Rifle Regiment of the 39th Guards Rifle Division
Altenburg	Ohrdruf	

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Ohrdruf	Meiningen	936th Guards Howitzer Regiment of the 39th Guards Rifle Division
Weimar	Crawinkel	

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Ohrdruf	Altenburg	43rd Artillery Brigade
Crawinkel	Weimar	581st Guards Mortar Regiment of 20th Guards Mechanized Division

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Gehofen	Weissenfels	
Arten	Weissenfels	17th Guards Tank and SP Regiment; 67th Engineer Battalion; 128th Guards Artillery Regiment. (all of the 57th Guards Rifle Division)

Gehofen	Ohrdruf
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2. On 9 February, 120 to 150 trucks enroute to Freiburg, were observed crossing the Saale River bridge at Naumburg. [redacted] 25X1
On the night of 12 to 13 February, 12 JS-3 tanks [redacted] proceeded through Naumburg in the same direction. A motor vehicle convoy passed through Naumburg in the direction of Weissenfels. Except for an engineer unit, all units stationed in Naumburg were training in the Lossa area in mid-February.¹ 25X1
3. On the night of 10 to 11 February, the troops stationed in the Fuchsberg Kaserne in Jueterbog left for an exercise in the Maltershausen-Kastenborn-Neidergoersdorf-Dennewitz area, west of Jueterbog. The unit had not returned by 14 February. No traffic was observed at the division headquarters.²
1. [redacted] Comment: The observations made in the Naumburg area indicate that the Naumburg units of the 57th Guards Rifle Division together with elements of the 21st Guards Mechanized Division trained in the Lossa area until 11 February. However, it is also possible that the two divisions held separate exercises. Component units of the 57th Guards Rifle Division, the 21st Guards Mechanized Division and the 13th AAA Division were shipped to the Weissenfels-Zeitz-Gera areas between 12 and 14 February. The 20th Guards Mechanized Division presumably also participated in these exercises which may have ended already by 14 February. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] Some components of the 57th Guards Rifle Division had returned from the Lossa area to their posts by 18 February. Other units of the division were shipped to Ohrdruf and Weimar, possibly for further exercises. Since it is believed that the units were moved by road as well as rail, no definite comment on the individual exercises is possible at this moment. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] The shipments between 12 and 17 February, listed in paragraph 1, are believed to have carried units which conducted advanced combat firing practice at Ohrdruf. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment: Presumably the headquarters of the 14th Guards Mechanized Division. 25X1

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